

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We are at the end of our first half term. It has been a very busy 8 weeks since the beginning of September. I would like to welcome all our new families in Nursery and Reception and across the school. You will find that we have a very vibrant and supportive school community.

We look forward to welcoming all children back to school on Monday 2nd November at 8.50am



We have had another very busy half term settling into classes. The month of October is when we have a focus on black and cultural history study. This year we have focussed upon the achievements of black people in Britain. A highlight has been the dancing and drumming workshops for classes.



The Autumn term is also very busy term for festivals. We began in September with a special assembly for Eid-ul-Fitr to mark the end of Ramadan. In October we are reminded of the story of Diwali. Next month we will have a special assembly for Remembrance Day followed by our Christmas assembly at the end of term in December.



We have been fortunate so far, not to have had many cases of Swine Flu in school.

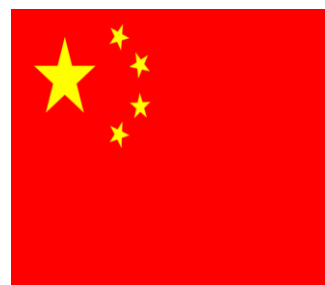
As the cold weather draws in it is very important that we remain vigilant against this virus.

Please check our school website : www.beaconsfieldprimary.org.uk

CURRICULUM NEWS

We have re-introduced our curriculum newsletter for each theme being studied in classes for the IPC units.

This term was also the beginning of our International link with a Primary School in China. Children in Year 2 and other Key Stage 2 classes have been completing some work that we can send to our link school.



After half-term we will be having a fortnight in November to focus on the arts around the theme of "Healthy Eating and the Olympics". We hope to see many parents at our Arts Week Carnival.

The China Project

Part of my first term at our school has been quite exciting, as I have been able to work with a group of children from across the school on our exciting China

Project. Our link school is: Sang Yuan Primary in Xixiang County which is in central China. The children at Beaconsfield have been working on cross curricular themes, from Literacy to Geography. They are able to identify most of the countries that surround China, where China is situated in the world, facts about China's population, food, climate, language. In fact there is so much the children wish to know about China and hope to learn more during the coming months.

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One aspect of the project which we all enjoyed was the Year 2 Harvest and the Moon cake festival assembly. The Moon cake festival is celebrated at about the same time as Harvest and has some similarities. The children performed a Chinese dance and wore costumes similar to the Chinese national costume. They appeared to enjoy presenting a story relating to why the Chinese celebrate the Moon cake festival.

In the coming months, Beaconsfield Primary will be communicating with our link school. We are already putting work together to send to China. Part of the work involves all the children, putting a brief profile together introducing themselves to the pupils at Sang Yuan Primary. It is hoped that they (Sang Yuan Primary) in turn will do something quite similar. This is where stronger links will be formed and soon we will be able to interact via the internet.



We will keep you up-to-date with our work on China. I'm sure we will have something quite exciting to report back from our group of children and at some point you will be able to view some of the correspondence and work sent from the pupils and teachers from Sang Yuan Primary, as it will form part of a prominent display in our school hall.

Over the page is some of the work the children have done in connection with the China Project

Ms Sumen Starr - Assistant Head Teacher

I like the China Project because you get to do fun things with Miss Starr. I get so excited because I get to learn more about our link school in China

Did you know?

The Chinese Year is based on the cycles of the moon
by Muzah

I am looking forward to the China Project because we do lots of interesting things about China.

Did you know?

China is something a day ahead of the United States (USA)
by Delia

We work on questions to do with the school we have become friends with. I can't wait to write to them in Xixiang County which is in the centre of China.

Did you know?

Each year is represented by animals. There are twelve animals which represent the 12 months
by Faiza

In the last few weeks, our school have linked with a primary school in China. It is called Sang Yuan Primary School. There have been three children from each year group Year 3 to Year 6 that have been chosen to work on the China Project. Ms Starr, our new Assistant Head Teacher is in charge of the China Project. So far, we have researched quite a lot about China. We have looked on a world map and identified China and also the countries surrounding China, such as India, Russia, Pakistan, Japan, Iran and Kazakhstan. There are at least 14 countries that surround China. We have also played games to help us with our memory and thinking skills, there are quite often facts to do with China. We have worked on the computer and we have also done some writing.

The school in China know nothing about our school, so we are putting a package together to send to them. We have interviewed our teachers, collected data on a tally chart about our favourite subjects and made a graph using that data. We have also made profiles for some of the classes and lots of other things. In a few weeks time we will be talking to them on a blog and they will reply back to us. We will also be writing postcards and letters to them.

Our year 2 class also have a group in the China project. They do similar things to the elder classes, but they are a bit easier.

We all have great fun in the China Project and learn lots of amazing facts about China. I think this will be an astonishing experience for us children because we have a link between another country in the world and if we didn't do this we wouldn't learn so much about another part in the world.

By Rajpreet Sran – Year 5

Our new School Council has already been active raising money. You can read more about their activities later in the Newsletter



We are currently planning some training workshops for parents on “Reading at Home” and “How we teach Maths”. Do look out for more information on these.

If you have not yet returned your questionnaire form about “Homework”, please do so as soon as possible so that we can use this information to develop a new policy.

PREMISES NEWS

You will have noticed our re-designed office area that was completed during the Summer months. I hope that you will find the larger waiting area at the front of the building more comfortable. To assist the office staff I would ask that all parents with questions/enquiries come through the front (**Beaconsfield Road**) doors.

Currently we are completing what is known as a “feasibility study” to look at making further improvements to the school building during July/August 2010. We are aiming to continue to provide excellent facilities for learning to benefit all children in school.



We are waiting for a decision from the planning department about our application to install solar panels to the roof of the building. We obtained a grant to cover 50% of the cost of this work and the Governors are very keen for the school to make a strong commitment

to sustainable living. The electricity generated from these panels will in the long term help us to reduce up to 15% of our electricity use, saving up to £1200 per year.

CLASS NEWS

Foundation Stage (Nursery/Reception) Nursery

We have been very busy in Nursery this half term with lots of new children starting.

One week we learnt about Autumn and went on a walk to collect leaves. We then made leaf rubbings and prints for our Autumn display.



Afternoon Nursery made some cakes.



Reception

In Reception the children have been using the digital camera to take photos of their friends. Aren't they good photographers.



Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and Year 2) Year 1

Year 1 presented their Diwali assembly to the school on Friday 16th October.



Year 2

Year 2 made pizzas and this is how they made them.



Things we need:

- Bread
- Tomato sauce
- Cheese
- Pepper
- Sweetcorn

First get the tomato. Next squeeze the tomato sauce on the bread. Then put the cheese on top of the sauce. After that put some pepper on top of the cheese. Meanwhile put the sweet corn on top of the pepper. Finally put the pizza in the oven and set up to 240oc. When it's finish eat it all up and be happy. **Nivethan - Year 2**

Year 2 were very proud to present their assembly on Harvest and China Moon Cake



Key Stage 2 (Years 3 – 6)

YEAR 3

The Big Breakfast Poem



Food and farming our IPC topic!
Oh what fun we had learning!
The Big breakfast,
The big breakfast,
Oh what enjoyment we had!
Sitting eating with our parents and friends!
Food from different cultures!
YUM YUM YUM!!!

Eating tasty potato parantas, scrumptious somalian pancakes, spicy somosas and delicious dokra!

We ate crunchy healthy cereals, Coco pops we loved!

Had scrambled eggs with buttery toast.

Eating warm croissants was appetising most!
Fresh apple, orange and pineapple juice and hot masala tea,

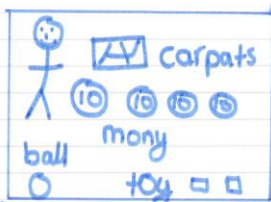
Oh what a choice we had, there was lots to see!
A great and wonderful experience was the Big breakfast!! Hooray!!

YEAR 3 – BIG BREAKFAST



Year 4

Friday 9th October 2009 Adil
In Literay year 4 have been
looking at stories from other
cultures.



Ali Baba and Ka-seem found a cave. Then they went inside and they saw a lot of money even there was toy and there was golden carpets or there was a ball and Ali Baba play with a ball a they take evrything even £500 at home.

One night while Ali Baba was gathering firewood he saw a bunch of horses then he saw the forty thieves and also he saw Ka-eeed the leader. He heard Ka-eeed say "open sesame" then the gigantic rock pushed forward then Ka-eeed said "close sesame". When the thieves were out of sight Ali Baba went up to the rock and whispered "open sesame" then the rock pushed forward, he pushed and tripped and fell in. Ali Baba was amazed to see that the cave was full of rich silk carpets and ancient shiny gold coins. Ali Baba took what he could take then filled his sock, pockets and turban full of gold coins. He took a long time to get home, he showed his wife and then he showed his brother Cassim. Then Cassim said in a loud way "stay away from the cave". When it was midnight Cassim went to the cave and he took three donkeys.

Cassim said "open sesame" the gigantic rock pushed forward then two of the donkeys moved in then one never went in. Cassim beat the donkey and then the door locked and Cassim was stuck forever.

By Malik – Year 4

Year 5

The Science Musuem!!!

On the 13th October we went to the Science Museum to South Kensington to cover our I.P.C topic on forces, friction; gravity etc. We entered the workshop. Inside the workshop we met Charlotte our personal explainer, she was hilarious and kind. Next our trainer showed us Isaac Newton and taught us his 3 rules and showed examples. After that we talked about Archimedes and why he said EUREKA! And she showed us a rocket or a submarine showing us the up thrust of the water. Then she taught us about Galileo and him throwing melons from the leaning tower of Pisa and talked about a lot about forces and that was the end of our workshop.



After we went to a room where we met Tanya. She led us to Launchpad and we got try out 50 different experiments, one of them was making a bridge and making a rocket blast with your energy. Finally we were going home I was exhausted I could see the look on everyone's face Mrs. Moezzi, Mrs. Jassi and the other adults were even more exhausted than we were. I enjoyed that trip it was the best trip ever!!!

By Jasmin Kaur Kandola – Year 5

Year 6

The Hive Project

Year 6 took part in the 'Hive Project' as part of the Thames Festival. Just before the summer holidays we took part in a workshop at school. A lady called Caroline talked to us about bees and told us that the number of bees in our country is decreasing dangerously and we need to do something to save them. She said that this is what had given people the idea to do the Hive Project. After this she showed us some pictures of bees and told us the names of each part. Everyone had to draw their own picture of a bee which she told us would become part of a massive sculpture. Our work was then reduced in size and all put onto one panel in the shape of a hexagon made of orange cellophane. This pane, along with 140 others from primary schools all over London, was made into a giant sculpture in the shape of a bee hive.



This term we had a school trip to the South Bank to see our sculpture. As we walked towards the South Bank we saw posters of the Hive Project. Miss Towers found a beautiful spot near the Millennium Eye for us to have a picnic. As we sat in groups and we ate we saw that at the far end of the park there was a stage ready for the festival. We saw people doing flips on poles and in the other side we saw people jumping to far walls and walking on skinny poles.

After we ate Miss Towers took us to a place and we sat down. A lady came and she was a tour guide and she took us to the South Bank and showed us our bee hive. She told us that our work was on the sculpture and she pointed to where it was.

After we saw all of our work our tour guide showed us another lady. She talked about bees and then she picked Mohib to wear a costume that people wear when they go in a real bee hive. Then she showed us how bee keepers use smoke that makes the bees feel sleepy so they don't get angry and sting you. She also showed us a jar of honey as there was bees around it. When we were coming back we saw people singing, we saw people being still like a statue and we saw people skateboarding and doing skills on their BMX bike. The South Bank was an amazing place to visit.



That weekend our sculpture was displayed in the festival in front of thousands of people. On the Sunday evening it was lit from inside and was part of an amazing night carnival. The project taught me how I could save bees and what I need to plant for them to eat. I learnt that wearing the special costume bees can't harm you and whenever you open a real bee hive and to make them not angry you'll have to use smoke. It was great to see our work made into such a giant sculpture that so many people would see and our class was lucky to take part. By Apilash



SCHOOL COUNCIL'S SPONSORED WALK



Sponsored Walk

Key stage 2 took part in a sponsor walk during 2 lunchtimes. This activity was fun and healthy, keeping us on our toes, rather than running around the playground and getting into trouble, we marched around the playground singing and dancing with Mrs Jaswal as we walked.

This was one of our fundraising activities that the school council organized in order to get equipment for our school.

The total amount we raised was £173. 10, Mr Woods will double that amount and add it to our total. We give a big thank you to all the parents and carers who helped to make it a success. Well done to all the children in yr3, yr4, yr5 and yr6 who took part and collected lots of sponsor money.

Please motivate your children to participate in more fundraising in the future.

Mohib Year 6

Chairman of school council.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Annual Parents/Children's Disco



On Friday 4th December we will be holding our annual parents/children's disco at school. This is always a very popular evening with lots of dancing, music and colour.

Mark the date in your diary now and watch out for more details after half-term.

PARENT/CARER TODDLER GROUP

Our toddler group has now moved to its new home in the dining room. We are always looking for new children to join our group.

Our dining room has plenty of space for children and their parents. The group is for children from 18 months to 3 years of age.



It is a chance to meet other parents, have a chat over a cup of tea or coffee whilst the children play together. We are keen to expand the group to two days a week.

Please speak to Mrs Poonai if you have any questions about this group.

ADULT LEARNING

Through our extended schools partnership we have again been providing places for parents on ESOL classes.

If you are interested in future ESOL classes please speak to Mrs Poonai to place your name on a waiting list. Future courses may take place in the Spring term.



FAMILY LEARNING

We will shortly be running our Family Links programme and Keeping Up With the Children courses. Please look for notices around school and on our website for more information

Holiday Play Provision

We are again able to offer “free” holiday play activities for children from Year 3 to Year 6 in conjunction with West London YMCA.



The play scheme will take place at our school on Wednesday 28th October. Children are able to take part in crafts, games and sport activities. Children must register with a parent on the first day. Phone 020 8832 1509 or 07971 977302 for more information

SCHOOL INFORMATION/PROCEDURES

Uniform



Now that the cooler months are approaching it is important to ensure the children's shoes are in a good condition. Our school uniform includes black shoes (**NOT** trainers or boots). Shoes should have some grip on the soles.

Lost Property

Please make sure that your child's name is on all items of clothing. By the end of each term we always end up with a large amount of lost clothing (jumpers, shirts, plimsoles etc) along with lunch boxes and book bags. Our lost property box is located near the door of the rear playground



School Dinners



We would like to remind parents not to include crisps, biscuits, sweets, chocolate or fizzy drinks as part of packed

On a **Friday (only)** children having a packed lunch are permitted to have crisps or biscuits or a small chocolate bar as part of their lunch. This is in line with our school food policy on promoting responsible healthy eating.

Dinner Money

A very big thank you to all of those parents/carers who send in their money regularly either half-termly or weekly on a **MONDAY MORNING**.

The cost of school dinner is £2 per day (£10 per week). **Harrisons Catering** no longer accept cheques for payments.

Payments will need to be made using the internet payment service at www.ealingmeals.com or by phoning Harrisons on 020 8280 0318. Cash payments can still be made using the payment box in school.

The cost for the first ½ term will be £70.00 (2nd November – 18th December = 35 days @ £2 per day). Please note that Harrisons Catering are not part of the school and that school staff have no access to dinner money.

It is the responsibility of parents/carers to inform Harrisons when children are absent from school for any reason. If you fail to do this you will be charged for a meal.

HELP THE SCHOOL TO SAVE MONEY

We have a contract with Harrisons Catering to provide our school meal service. Unfortunately if not enough children have a school dinner we still have to pay the catering company. Currently we expect to have to pay Harrisons £3000. This is money we should be spending on resources for all of the children in school. (£3000 would buy a new classroom computer for every class in the school).

HOW CAN YOU HELP US?

If you are entitled to claim free school meals because you receive income support, job-seekers allowance, child tax credit or if you are assisted by the National Asylum Support Service (NASS),

I'm asking you to complete the application form. Even if your child still has a packed lunch, by filling in the Free School Meals form you will help to keep more money in school for the benefit of all of the children. Applications forms are available from the school office.

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Children are expected in school for 96% of all school days. That means we expect **almost all** children to have less than **8 days absence** in a school year. Every school day missed is a day of learning that is lost forever. The Education Social Worker and the school regularly monitor attendance. You can be fined, prosecuted or imprisoned for not bringing your child to school.

Punctuality

The school day starts at **8.50am** and children should be in their class line by that time or will be considered late. It is good practice to arrive at school by 8.45am



Please allow more time for your journey to school if the weather is wet, foggy or icy.

The school playground is not supervised before 8.40am, therefore children should not arrive in the playground before this time. Children who arrive at school before this time may be reported to Social Services.

Requests for Leave (Holidays)



Holidays should only be taken during the 13 weeks when school is closed.

Children who achieve the lowest academic levels or make the slowest progress in learning are those that have frequent days of absence
The school policy for not granting any approved leave during term time is strictly enforced at all times. The Education Social Worker will issue fines for unapproved leave taken during term time.

If children are away for extended periods of time they may lose their place in school to someone who is on the waiting list.

Below are our approved school holiday dates through until December 2010. Please note these dates and ensure that any holiday bookings are made outside of the school terms.

<p><u>Autumn Term 2009</u></p> <p>School Resumes for pupils on:</p> <p><i>Half term – Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October 2009</i></p> <p>Monday 2nd November – Friday 18th December 2009</p>	<p><u>Spring Term 2010</u></p> <p>Monday 4th January 2010 – Friday 12th February 2010</p> <p><i>Half term – Monday 15th February – Friday 19th February 2010</i></p> <p>Monday 22nd February 2010 – Thursday 1st April 2010</p> <p>Friday 2nd April – Bank Holiday</p>	
<p><u>Summer Term 2010</u></p> <p>Monday 19th April 2010 – Friday 28th May 2010</p> <p>Bank Holiday – 3rd May 2010</p> <p><i>Half term – Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June 2010</i></p> <p>Monday 7th June 2010 – Friday 16th July 2010</p>	<p><u>Autumn Term 2010</u></p> <p>INSET DAY – Wednesday 1st September</p> <p>Pupils return – Thursday 2nd September – Friday 22nd October 2010</p> <p><i>Half term – Monday 25th October – Friday 29th October 2009</i></p> <p>Monday 1st November – Friday 17th December 2010</p>	